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SUBJECT: CIVAIR CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS

REF STATE 64783; MADRID 1659

1. ECONCOUN AND EMBOFF MET WITH VALLAURE AND O' CONNOR APRIL 24 FOR REVIEW OF PENDING CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS. STRESSED THAT USG PREPARED NEGOTIATE OVERALL CHARTER AGREEMENT AND THAT SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO INCORPORATE IMPROVEMENT SPANISH CARRIER OPPORTUNITIES.

2. BOTH GOS OFFICIALS AGREED TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT DESIRABLE AND WERE GLAD HAVE USG ASSURANCE RE SPANISH OPPORTUNITIES. BUT, DUE ECAC COMMITMENTS SOME RELUCTANCE EXPRESSED CHARACTERIZE THESE TALKS AS NEGOTIATIONS. BOTH MEN PREFERRED CALL THEM CONVERSATIONS AND HOPED FURTHER TALKS CHARACTERIZABLE AS NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE HELD IN FALL.

3. CONCERNING TIMING, VALLAURE AND O' CONNOR BOTH COMMITTED TO INAUGURAL IBERIA FLIGHT TO US JUNE 16 AND 17. ALSO, VALLAURE COMMITTED AT LEAST FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE TO ILO CONFERENCE GENEVA. O' CONNOR'S OTHER COMMITMENTS MAKE IT APPEAR THAT BEST TIME WOULD BE WEEK OF JULY 9.

4. O' CONNOR TOLD EMBOFFS TGC/ ABC CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS (STATE 64783, PARA 4) APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE. BUT EMB HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATION THIS APPROVAL.

5. O' CONNOR CONTINUED EMPHASIZE MORE CONSERVATIVE GOS
POLICY ON CHARTERS, RELATING THAT COMMANDER OF AIRCRAFT
INVOLVED IN ONE RECENT CAPITOL CHARTER FLIGHT FINED
10,000 PESETAS FOR LANDING AT MADRID AND DISCHARGING
PASSENGERS IN ADDITION TO STOP AT MALAGA FOR WHICH ALREADY
HAD PERMISSION. SAID HE HAD RECOMMENDED FURTHER FINE OF
100,000 PESETAS, WHICH ONLY MINISTER CAN APPROVE. O' CONNOR
WAS SOMEWHAT UNHAPPY THAT THIS PILOT AND SEVERAL OTHER
COMMANDERS OF CHARTER AIRCRAFT WERE MAKING LAST MINUTE
CHANGES SUCH AS THIS ONE IN EXPECTATION GOS WOULD ALLOW
TRIP TO CONTINUE WITH NO FURTHER SANCTIONS THAN FINE.
ADDED THAT FURTHER PENALTY AVAILABLE TO GOS OF BANNING ANY
MORE CHARTER FLIGHTS OF OFFENDING COMPANY. IN ANSWER TO
EMBOFF QUESTION STATED THAT LATTER PENALTY APPLIED
ONLY ONCE, TO NORWEGIAN FIRM.
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